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LD 2283

I am Jill Candace Folsom and I reside in Alfred Maine, and I OPPOSE and urge you to OPPOSE LD 2283 "An Act to Enact the Crisis Intervention Order to Protect the Safety of the Public" and it Should Not Pass.

Not only is this proposed legislation unconstitutional at both the Federal and State level, it is in violation of due process, it is redundant and overreaching in that a yellow flag law already exists without violating due process as LD 2283 does.

This proposed legislation is riddled with inconsistencies and loopholes, the premise is flawed in that the process is reliant on subjectivity from a petitioner who may be anyone with an "affinity" to the respondent, and ex parte so that the respondent has not had notice nor opportunity to counter allegations prior to the obligation to surrender firearms.

As a woman who escaped an abusive marriage with fear for my life and for the lives of my triplets daughters, I see this situation from both sides and I understand the emotional desperation that would view this legislation as an opportunity to level the playing field, but in reality, we do not ensure our own freedom by illegitimately abrogating the rights of others, rather we risk enraging those we have violated and inviting retribution. We cannot stand on an illegitimate law without causing the basis of our legal system to crumble as it would deserve to if such flawed legislation is not OPPOSED.

The outcome of illegitimate efforts to disarm citizens who have the inalienable right to bear arms is a government who will disarm innocent citizens and subsequently murder them in the thousands, ten thousands, hundred thousands, or millions as history teaches us.

We must do better than this sorry attempt at solving a problem and although it is tempting to think this type of legislation will protect the safety of the public, in truth it undermines the safety of "we the people" in a short-sighted manner. If we can violate due process in this manner, then we have slid irreversibly down the slippery slope into an illegitimate government that we cannot entrust to protect us, and we must be prepared to defend the rights of all people, even those we fear.

The language in this legislation opens many loopholes which can be utilized to turn the tables on those who may be attempting to prevent gun violence by subjecting them to similar disarmament based on subjective statements that a "respondent has by actions or inactions presented a danger to persons in the respondent's care", so a mother who didn't make sure their child has their seatbelt fastened could also be subjected to similar disarmament by anyone with an "affinity" to her.

The illogic continues in the lack of process for surrendering one's firearms when they must be immediately be surrendered to law enforcement or FFL agent or "another person approved by the court" but no mechanism for being legally able to do so is specified, nor is any of these parties liable for deterioration or damage to surrendered firearms. The crisis intervention order takes effect immediately yet the hearing within 14 days is to determine if a crisis intervention order should be issued. This is a deeply flawed attempt at writing legislation and It Should Not Pass.

Please OPPOSE LD 2283.